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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10px; color: black; opacity: 0.5; transform: rotate(-15deg);">RCE 1450</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10px; color: black; opacity: 0.5; transform: rotate(-15deg);">AUG 07 2006</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10px; color: black; opacity: 0.5; transform: rotate(-15deg);">PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE</div> </div>		Application Number	09/592,791-Conf. #7997
		Filing Date	June 13, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Keita WATANABE
		Art Unit	2615
		Examiner Name	D. E. Faulk
		Attorney Docket Number	3542-0104P

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Amendment filed June 23, 2006</u> 	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	
2. Miscellaneous	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ <u>910.00</u> enclosed	
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature	 <i>Reg No 3d, 334</i>	Date
Name (Print/Type)	<u>James M. Slattery</u>	August 7, 2006
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		28,380

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